

In the Claims:

Please add new Claims 51-57; cancel Claim 13, without prejudice; and amend Claims 1, 8, 9 and 14 as indicated below. The status of all claims is as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A lighting unit comprising a light guide plate, a light ~~source~~, source which is a light emitter, and a truncated pyramid arranged between the light guide plate and the light source, said truncated pyramid having

a base,

a top smaller than the base, wherein said top is an outermost peripheral planar surface, and

a slope extending between said base and said top,

said light source being arranged in close contact with said top of the truncated pyramid,

said light guide plate being arranged in close contact with said base of the truncated pyramid,

so that light is propagated from a light emitting part of the light source to the light guide plate without passing through any air layer.

2. (Original) A lighting unit according to claim 1, wherein said truncated pyramid and said light guide plate are integrated with each other, and the light source is attached to the truncated pyramid.

3. (Original) A lighting unit according to claim 1, wherein said light source and said truncated pyramid are integrated with each other, and the truncated pyramid is attached to the light guide plate.

4. (Original) A lighting unit according to claim 1, wherein: if the refractive index of the truncated pyramid is n and an angle between the slope and a line parallel to an axis of the truncated pyramid is α , the angle α of the slope of the truncated pyramid is equal to or greater than $\arcsin(1/n)$.

5. (Original) A lighting unit according to claim 1, wherein: if the refractive index of the truncated pyramid is n and an angle between the slope and a line parallel to an axis of the truncated pyramid is α , the angle α of the slope of the truncated pyramid ranges from 30° to 45° .

6. (Original) A lighting unit according to claim 5, wherein the truncated pyramid comprises an adhesive member.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A lighting unit according to claim 1, wherein the light emitting part of the light source is ~~smaller than or approximately equal~~ to the top of the truncated pyramid.

9. (Currently Amended) A lighting unit according to claim 1, wherein the light emitting surface of the light source is ~~smaller than or approximately equal~~ to the top of the truncated pyramid.

10. (Original) A lighting unit according to claim 1, further including a reflecting member placed to at least partially surround the light source and the truncated pyramid.

11. (Previously Presented) A lighting unit according to claim 1, wherein a light absorbing member is located near a border between the light guide plate and the truncated pyramid, wherein the light absorbing member at least partially surrounds a portion of the truncated pyramid.

12. (Original) A lighting unit according to claim 1, wherein the light source comprises at least one LED.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) A display device including a lighting unit according to one of claims 1 ~~to 13~~, to 12, and a display element.

15-50. (Cancelled)

51. (New) A lighting unit according to claim 1, wherein the light source is a package having the light emitting part sealed within an envelope.

52. (New) A lighting unit according to claim 51, wherein the light source has a light reflecting part behind the light emitting part and emits light forward for the truncated pyramid from the light emitting part in radial directions.

53. (New) A light unit according to claim 1, wherein:
the light guide plate includes two side edges between a first face and a second face; and
one of said side edges of said light guide plate is arranged in close contact with said base of the truncated pyramid.

54. (New) A lighting unit according to claim 1, wherein the light emitting part of the light source is smaller than the top of the truncated pyramid.

55. (New) A light unit according to claim 1, wherein the light emitting surface of the light source is smaller than the top of the truncated pyramid.

56. (New) A light unit according to claim 1, wherein:
a light emitting surface of the light source is smaller than the top of the truncated pyramid;

the light source is attached to the top of the truncated pyramid using an adhesive; and

the adhesive has a slope wherein a surface of a side of the light source is smaller than a surface of a side of the truncated pyramid.

57. (New) A lighting unit according to claim 1, wherein:
a light emitting surface of the light source is smaller than the top of the truncated pyramid;
the light source is attached to the top of the truncated pyramid using an adhesive so that the light source is embedded in the adhesive which is a partial sphere; and
the adhesive receives light emitted by a front of the light source and light emitted by a side of the light source and leads to the truncated pyramid.